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Intimations.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
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REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company,
4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the
Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 14th day of JANUARY, 1903, at 12
noon, for the purpose of confirming the
following Resolution passed at the Extra-
ordinary General Meeting of the Company
held this day (29th December, 1902):

RESOLUTION.
That for the purpose of carrying into
effect the Special Resolution duly passed
and confirmed at Extraordinary General
Meetings of the Company held on the
11th and 27th days of October, 1902,
the Company be wound up voluntarily
under the Provisions of the Com-
panies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that
the HONORABLE CHARLES STEWART
SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE
WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN
WHEELEY be appointed Liquidators of
the said Company with liberty for each
of them solely to exercise all the powers
of the Liquidators and that they are
hereby authorised to consent to the pre-
paration of the Memorandum and Articles
of Association of and to the registration of
a new Company to be incorporated under
the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong
under the name of The China-Borne Com-
pany, Limited, or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

NOTICE.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
MEETING of the MEDICAL
MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA
will be held in Canton at the house of
Messrs Shewan Tomes & Co. on THURSDAY,
the 15th January, 1903, at 2.30 p.m.

JOHN M. SWAN, M.D.,
Secretary.

NAVY LEAGUE.
HONGKONG BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Members and Associates of the
Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will
be held in the City Hall, on THURSDAY,
the 15th January, 1903, at 5.30 p.m.
H. E. POLLOCK, Esq., R.C.M., in the Chair.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secy.

NAVY LEAGUE, HONGKONG BRANCH.
Hong Kong, January 7, 1903.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
FOURTEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING of Shareholders in this Com-
pany will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY,
the 26th January, 1903, at 12 noon
a.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, together with
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company
will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 17th
January, to Monday, the 26th January
(both days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency
Company, Limited.

General Agents for the
West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, January 7, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of Shareholders in this Company
will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES,
Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th Janu-
ary, 1903, at 12 noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors, together with
Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company
will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 17th Janu-
ary, to Monday, the 26th January
(both days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at
a Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Company, held at the Company's
Office, No. 12, Beaconsfield Avenue, Victo-
ria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 5th day
of January, 1903, the following Resolution
was passed:

That in pursuance of the Special
Resolution passed on the 11th day
of November, 1902, and confirmed on
the 27th day of November, 1902, a
Call of Fifty Cents per share be
made upon all holders of Ordinary
Shares in the above Company, and
the same be hereby made. Such Call
to be paid to the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, at
their Premises, Queen's Road Cen-
tral, Victoria, Hongkong, on or
before the 30th day of February,
1903.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that
in accordance with Article 24 of the Com-
pany's Articles of Association, interest at
the rate of 5 per centum per annum will
be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 30th day of February, 1903, up to
the actual date of payment of the same.
Shareholders are requested to note that,
upon presentation at the Office of the
Company of the Bankers' Receipt for pay-
ment of the Call, and surrender of existing
Certificates of the Shares pertaining there-
to, new Share Certificates will be issued
bearing an endorsement of the payment of
the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 6, 1903.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, BRITISH
and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current
Bills, drawn at 10 days' sight on the
Treasurer, London, will be received by the
Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department,
until 11 a.m. on the 18th instant.
The Tenders to state the total amount
required (in Pounds Sterling) and the
amount for which each Bill should be
drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less
than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in
Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Pay-
master, Army Pay Department, and en-
dorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."
The right to accept or reject any or all of
the tenders is reserved.
Copies of Form of tender can be had on
application.

GEORGE H. FERRIER, Colonel,
Chief Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road, Hongkong,
28th January, 1903.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1, 168, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on
FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 8.30 p.m.
9.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren
are cordially invited to attend.

Hong Kong, January 10, 1903.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
the Company, 14, Des Voeux Road, Victo-
ria, on SATURDAY, the 17th JANU-
ARY, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of Ac-
counts and the Report of the General
Managers for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing
a Transfer Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from THURSDAY,
15th, to SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY,
1903, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 8th January, 1903.

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE
CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-
ING open to all CERTIFICATED
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS,
will be held, by the courtesy of the Man-
ager, at the Office of the *Harbour*
(Zeppang) Company, Limited, 1, Ice House
Road, Hong Kong, at 3 P.M., SUNDAY,
18th January, 1903, for the purpose of dis-
cussing the desirability of FORMING A
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS'
CLUB in Hong Kong.

Officers unable to attend may address
suggestions to be laid before the Meeting to
THOMAS C. SWANN,
Hong Kong Telegram.

Hong Kong, 8th January, 1903.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
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on
WEDNESDAY,
the 14th January, 1903, at 11 a.m., at
their Sale Rooms, No. 1, Des Voeux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
100 Cases Scotch Whisky;
45 Cases CHAMPAGNE;
20 Cases CIGARETTES;
15 Cases RUM;
15 Cases GIN;

A Quantity of ASSORTED WINES and
SPIRITS.
Terms:—As usual.
HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, January 12, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
tions to Sell, by Public Auction,
on
THURSDAY,
the 15th January, 1903, at Noon, on the
Wardley Pier, Praya Central,—
1 Life Boat 26' x 7' x 3', with Brass Tank.
1 do. 25' x 7' x 3', do.
Lying off the Wardley Pier.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hong Kong, January 12, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
tions from Mr. DAVID J. LENOX,
to Sell by Public Auction,
on

THURSDAY,
the 15th January, 1903, at 2.30 p.m.,
within his residence, No. 39, Morrison
Hill Road.

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The contest between the British and
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At present the fastest vessels in the world
are the *Deutschland*, with a record of 23.51
knots an hour, and the *Kronprinz Wilhelm*,
which is a fraction behind the former in
her average sea speed. There is a like-
lihood that the *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, which
is already launched and well on the way
towards completion, may reach an average
of 24 knots or more in the transatlantic
voyage. If so, a task will be set for the
two giant Cunarders, to be built with the
object of recapturing the record from the
Germans, which the finest skill of the British
shipbuilding yards may fail to accomplish.
The exact dimensions and other details of
the two Cunard liners are still undeter-
mined, but a writer in the *Scientific Ameri-
can* understands that the length will be
about 750 feet, beam 75 feet, and horse-
power about 50,000. The chances are that
the steam turbine will not be introduced on
these vessels. Their value for ships of
this great size is still problematical, and too
much depends on the new liners to make
experiments advisable. The Cunard Com-
pany will most probably rely for the immense
horse-power required upon vertical,
quadruple-expansion reciprocating engines,
and the question has lately been under dis-
cussion whether the power shall be developed
upon two or upon three shafts. If twin-
shafts are used the proportions of propellers,
shafting, and engines would be enor-
mous since they would have to develop
and carry probably not less than 25,000 to
27,000 horse-power each. There is no pre-
cedent for such sizes and weights, although
the *Kaiser Wilhelm II* is to have engines of
40,000 horse-power, or 20,000 upon each
shaft. The largest twin engines at present
in use are those of the *Deutschland*,
which, when the boilers have been steam-
ing freely, have developed as high as
28,000 horse-power, or 19,000 on each
shaft. Naturally, therefore, the Cunard
Company in its endeavour to keep down
the size of the separate engine, have
turned to the triple-screw system of propul-
sion. By this means each shaft would
have to carry only 17,000 or 18,000 horse-
power, or less than is now carried by those
of the *Deutschland*. The objection to
triple-screw is the very obvious one, that
the engine-room staff would have to be
greater for three engines than for two.
With this exception, however, it may be
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rooms than by two, the difference is not so
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THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

A Parliamentary Return has been issued, giving particulars relating to the seamen employed upon sea-going vessels, except yachts, registered in the British Islands. On March 31, 1901, there were registered 186,636 seamen in trading vessels, as compared with 180,366 in 1896, and 172,773 in 1891. The number of fishing vessels was, in 1901, 19,502; in 1896, 19,130; and in 1891, 17,831. The increase in the number of seamen on trading vessels consisted entirely of Lascars and foreign seamen. During the ten years from 1891 to 1901, the number of Lascars increased by 12,238, and foreign seamen by 8730. In the same period British seamen (including those born at sea, and those whose birthplaces were not stated) have decreased in number by 7157. Assuming that England, Scotland, and Ireland supply the total number of seamen in the same proportion as they supply the number employed on March 31, 1901, it would appear that, in proportion to their population, England supplies not quite so many seamen as Ireland and only about half the number supplied by Scotland. The seamen of the various nationalities are distributed amongst the ratings in very different proportions. There is a large proportion of petty officers and engineers of Scottish birth, and of able seamen and firemen of Irish birth, and nearly half the foreign seamen were serving in the rating of able seamen. Particulars respecting the age and nationality of the individual members of the crews of 215 vessels, most of which were trading abroad on March 31, 1901, were not obtained. The vessels were manned by 2080 British and foreign seamen (194 British and 1886 foreign) and 13,216 Lascars. Those seamen (including the Lascars) were mostly masters, mates, petty officers, and engineers. In 1891 nearly one-half of the Lascars were employed upon vessels trading entirely abroad. The number of Lascars thus employed has risen from 10,515 in April, 1891, to 13,100 in March, 1896, and 14,680 in March, 1901. But there has been a greater increase in the number of Lascars on vessels which trade to this country. From 10,787 in April, 1891, the number rose to 14,811 in March, 1896, and to 15,930 in March, 1901. There were in March, 1901, 129,052 seamen, of whom 33,605 were Lascars, employed upon steam vessels in the foreign trade, and the Lascars, therefore, formed 25.8 per cent. of the total number of seamen on those vessels. Upon all the sailing and steam trading vessels there were 186,636 seamen, of whom 33,610 were Lascars—that is 18.0 per cent. of the total.

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Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported.
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	6250	10	12,870	Captain Dredger	Nanking
Alonetto	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Bolloy	Shanant
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Asie	French gunboat	473	3	450	Commander Journet	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton River
Bengali	French gunboat	589	—	—	Lieut. Fida	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	4078	19	9000	Capt. Lotbre	Nanking
Cadice	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Louet	Haiphong
Centocroce	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Lesany	Shanghai
Entrecaux	French flag ship	8114	14	13,650	Captain Fourmet	Tonkin
Friant	French cruiser	3739	10	9000	Captain Ferris	Woeang
Kersaint	French gunboat	1270	6	2200	Capt. Le Gelleur	Tonkin
Lion	French gunboat	1574	—	—	Capt. Deoue	Saigon
Loty	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Yangtze
Pesal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain Seubs	Shanghai
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Bonifoy	Shanghai
Stryx	French gunboat	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Morret	Shanghai
Talking	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Vauhan	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Biondel	Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Vipers	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Russed	German gunboat	1800	8	2900	Comdr. von Bassewitz	Kiautschou
Furst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich.	Hongkong
Geier	German gunboat	1600	8	—	Comdr. Berger	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Fuchsen	Shanghai
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Dozovaki	Hongkong
Utis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut.-Commander Hallermann	Canton
Jussur	German gunboat	900	10	1300	—	Shanghai
Lincls	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Wuthmann	Yangtze
Schwabe	German gunboat	1120	8	1600	Commander Hilbrand	Singapore
Seadler	German gunboat	1600	8	2500	Comdr. Hoffman	Nanking
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1500	Comdr. Schrader	Bangka
Vernwuts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Weiss	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—	—	Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	3900	10	6343	Captain John Boet	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	16	10,543	Captain Bohn	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4606	14	6820	Captain Zeri	Shanghai
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain d'Azevedo	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Hongkong
Admiral Nachimoff	Russian cruiser	9000	18	8000	Captain Steinarum	Singapore
Albat	Russian gunboat	510	6	730	Comdr. Guntar	Vladivostok
Amour	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatchiko	Port Arthur
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Zalevsky	Nanchang
Gaidamra	Russian gunboat	500	9	5000	Comdr. Yantsev	Port Arthur
Gremiastiy	Russian gunboat	14190	6	2900	Comdr. Zagarskuy	Shanghai
Groscholz	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jensen	Nagasaki
Kailait	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shamski	Shanghai
Korostz	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novokovsky	Nanking
Mandjoun	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Maravich	Shanghai
Ovaynj	Russian gunboat	1490	6	9000	Comdr. Vasilief	Port Arthur
Persviet	Russian battleship	12,074	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Nagasaki
Petrogradsk	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Jakovief	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,960	10	1738	Captain Osoroff	Port Arthur
Rasboynin	Russian cruiser	1354	10	—	Comdr. Kravatsky	Nagasaki
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	32	17,000	Captain Suprennikoff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	14,250	Capt. Matsuevich	Nagasaki
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Serebrennikoff	Nagasaki
Sitch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivoitch	Russian gunboat	1050	8	20,000	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6500	27	30,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Vesdnik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Kissel	Port Arthur
Zahiska	Russian cruiser	1230	6	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Annappols	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Commander Carl Rohrer	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1159	8	1600	Commander O. G. Borman	Manila
Frolic	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Halm	Manila
General Alava	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. W. F. Halse	Manila
Holona	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Comdr. R. R. Ingersoll	Manila
Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain C. H. Stockton	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1900	2	700	Comdr. T. H. Stevens	Shanghai
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3600	6	8000	Captain Mahan	Take
Monocock	U. S. gunboat	1300	6	850	Comdr. F. M. Wise	Hongkong
Montezuma	U. S. monitor	4000	4	6240	Comdr. Drake	Manila
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	4100	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry	Manila
New York	U. S. flag ship	8200	24	17,400	Captain M. R. S. Macraze	Manila
Princeton	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	800	Commander I. P. Selfridge	Nagasaki
Rainbow	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	—	Comdr. Leander	Manila
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	10	1118	Commander E. B. Barry	Manila
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1300	8	1894	Commander E. S. Pratt	Manila
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	1801	Commander Ward	Manila

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BIRTHS.
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MARRIAGE.
On the 2nd January, at 'Castor,' Oakley Road, Singapore, the wife of H. Fox, of a Son.

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TELEGRAMS.

DISASTER AT NANKING.

TWO HUNDRED CHINESE KILLED.

Valuable Godowns Destroyed.

Part of the Shiakuan Bund at Nanking has collapsed, and it is estimated that upwards of two hundred Chinese have perished.

Meas. Butterfield and Swire's godowns, containing goods valued at Taels 50,000, have been destroyed.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION IN SPAIN.

While the King of Spain was returning from Church on Saturday evening a Madrid man fired a revolver at the second carriage. No one was injured. The man, who is a Spaniard called Feito, apparently insane, declares that he wanted to kill the Grand Chamberlain and not the King.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

Wales scored 3 goals and 2 tries against England's 1 goal.

MARCONI TELEGRAPHY.

The Marconi system between England and America will be open to the public about the 20th instant.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the first race was sailed for the Cup presented by the Commodore (Hon. F. H. May). The course was round the rock S.W. of Cowichew and back. The wind at the start was of moderate force and varied in direction from North to North-east, but when the leading boat was near Cowichew it freshened considerably and at times blew with sufficient force to make skippers wish for a red in their helmets. The race itself was comparatively uneventful. The prevailing wind made the course a plain sail and back, and all the yachts except Colleen went straight for the mark, leaving the 10th of Cowichew. The 10th was the last of the island, and at one time it appeared that she would score considerably thereby. She came racing along with the first of the strengthening breeze, but before she had gained enough to make up the extra distance she had to travel the stronger wind reached the others and about half of them got round the rock before her. The 10th was slowly away and had made full half her time when the 10th of Cowichew was in the time the boats had passed Green Island, rapidly increased her lead in the stronger wind, and rounded the rock some 2 minutes ahead of the 10th, who in her turn was between one and two minutes ahead of the next boat. On the way home, Yonca, though giving her crew a remarkably uncomfortable time as she did in the gusts nearly flat on her side with her lee-ward hull under water, shipped still further away, and in the end won very easily. The 10th, sailed by Mr. C. A. Tones, went well in the strong wind, and drew up considerably on Alannah. At one time she looked like saving her time (9 minutes) on Yonca, but she got badly headed by the wind about the middle of the harbour, and only just managed to secure second place on time. The handicap, as will be seen from the annexed times, brought the other boats of all three classes very near together, six of them finishing within 3 minutes on corrected time, but the new boat proved herself far better than her reputation, and could have conceded another 4 minutes all round and still just have won. Times at the finish:

The Crisis in Kuangsi.

As perhaps, is not generally known, the Kuangsi Arsenal has been of late engaged in casting a number of quickfiring field pieces and mountain guns for the Imperial army in Kuangsi, in connection with a couple of batteries, with their necessary ammunition, etc., have been finished for some time and were only awaiting instructions from Kuangsi as to the manner in which they should be dispatched to their destination. A telegram from Governor Wang Chih-chun at Nanning, Kuangsi, was received by the Arsenal authorities a few days ago (says the N.C. Daily News of the 6th inst.), asking for the dispatch of the guns in question with all haste, from which we gather that Governor Wang Chih-chun's route to Kueilin, the capital of Kuangsi, is still opposed by the rebels. Another telegraphic dispatch from Nanning to a certain local mandarin reports the situation as very grave, and charges Governor Wang Chih-chun with incapacity. Furthermore it is stated that the troops under that Governor are getting mutinous through lack of pay and even ordinary supplies.

Sleeping Sickness.

On the 8th ult., Mr. H. S. Wellcome, at the Prince's Restaurant, entertained a large company at dinner to meet Dr. Andrew Balfour before he left England to take up the duties of Director of the Chemical and Bacteriological Research Laboratories of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum. There was a distinguished company of eminent persons, the principal toast of the evening (after the health of Dr. Balfour), being proposed by Sir H. M. Stanley. Our old Hongkong friend, Dr. James Canlie, gave the toast of 'Tropical Medicine,' and expressed the hope that many more would share Mr. Wellcome's enthusiasm on the subject of tropical medicine (applause). Dr. Patrick Manson, in replying to the toast, said this sending forth of missionaries into the pathological field was quite new, and in the present instance, it was due to the intelligent perception of Mr. Wellcome (applause). He wished there were more Pharaohs in Egypt whose name was Wellcome (laughter and applause). He did not know that he was giving away any secret when he said that the Commission sent out by the Royal Society, the Foreign Office, and the London School of Tropical Medicine to consider the disease of sleeping sickness in Uganda, had already discovered the germ and cause of the disease (applause).

A 'Sharper' Caught.

William Brander, of the S. Brander, got a registered letter containing two sovereigns from the chief engineer of that steamer, to post in Hongkong. Unfortunately for the success of his mission and for his own peace of mind, he met Benjamin Jackson, beachcomber, who called him all sorts of friendly names and became his best of friends—for five minutes. Jackson stole the letter, some of Brander's clothing, and his silver watch. Sergeant Kerr succeeded in recovering practically all the property, with the exception of the letter and the sovereigns, and at the Magistrate's, to-day, Jackson was told to undergo six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

EVERETT, the neck way thither the earth—when Mr. Morgan gets through with it.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

The following is the report of the directors to the twelfth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 21st January, at noon:

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now the pleasure to submit to you the accounts and balance-sheet for the year ending 31st Dec., 1902.

Before closing the books for the year \$80,000 had to be written off the second reserve fund for defalcations and fraud by our late co-proprietor in Yokohama.

The gross profits, including \$21,235.51 brought forward from last year, are \$248,799.34, which, after deducting all charges and allowing for bad and doubtful debts, leaves a net profit of \$146,103.55.

This the Directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.94 per share (in London \$2.13) amounting to \$75,490.15, to place \$50,000 to reserve and to carry forward \$21,613.80.

On the departure of Mr. Lau for Europe in April Mr. Julian Focke was elected a Director, but resigned his seat in the autumn, when Mr. Lau, having returned to Hongkong, was re-elected. This will require your confirmation.

Mr. Evans retires in rotation from the Head Office Board and Mr. Wotton from the London Committee, and Mr. Wotton is re-elected, after themselves accordingly.

The accounts at the Head Office have been audited by Mr. R. C. Wilcox and in London by Messrs. Deloitte, Dover, Griffiths and Co., Chartered Accountants.

Your obedient servant,
C. EWENS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Hongkong Branch.

The following report will be submitted to the meeting of the Navy League on the 10th inst.:

The year that has passed may be considered to have been a clearing up one, and the principal points to which the attention of your Committee have been directed were that of helping to educate the people as to national requirements, and keeping the Head-Quarter Office informed of the course of events in the Far East.

Your Committee made the use of substantial prizes for papers on Navy League Subjects, to all the schools in the Colony in which English is taught, but the offer was not entertained by the Education Department, which threw cold water on the idea, probably leaving the members of the League to do something in the shape of free lectures to British youth.

The Committee have received a series of lantern pictures of the various parts of the Navy League Lectures, which they hope will prove beneficial from an educational point of view. So far only one school has accepted the offer of the Committee. This branch is looking forward to visiting the arrival of Mr. L. F. Wyatt early in the spring, who is an envoy of the Navy League making a tour of the great Colonies as a Lecturer. He is at present in Canada, where at one of his addresses to the Board of Trade of the City of Montreal, the emotional words of Mr. L. F. Wyatt, who is a member with one accord joined the Navy League. Mr. Wyatt gives his services gratuitously, and the desire is to reduce the expenses of the trip as much as possible.

In this connection our best acknowledgments are due to Messrs. Butt, School, and Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, for their generosity in granting a passage by their steamers from Japan to Australia, to Mr. Wyatt. When passing through Mr. Wyatt will lecture here and at Canton, on his way to Australia, of which date notice will be given at a prize.

Your Committee offered a prize of £50 to the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron for the encouragement of gunnery in the ships of the China Squadron, leaving him perfect freedom in the disposal thereof so that no objection could be raised on the score of interfering with the discipline of the service. The offer was declined with thanks, after being submitted to the Admiralty.

The Committee regret to have to chronicle the death of Petty Officer Walter Grounds, of H.M.S. Terrible, who was at the time of his death, the best shot in the Navy. Photographs of his resting place in the Happy Valley have been sent home, and the Navy League propose to place a tablet in his Parish Church.

A wreath was placed on the Nelson Column on Trafalgar Day, on behalf of this branch.

The Committee have had very friendly communications from the splendidly-managed Bristol Branch, of the Navy League, who desire to become better acquainted with the possessions across the sea, by means of pen and ink sketches, which they will be glad to receive from any of the members who can contribute them.

We desire to call attention to the handsome contribution of the British Columbia Branch of the Navy League to the relatives of those who lost their lives in H. M. S. Golder.

Some of our Communications with the Head Office were on the following subjects:

1. The national training of Seamen.

2. The Navy League Map and educational matters in the Far East.

3. Steps to be taken to increase our membership.

4. The Atlantic Steamship Company, and our communication by fast mail steamers with Canada.

5. Matters regarding Wei-Hai-Wei.

6. Gunnery in the China Squadron.

7. Gunning efficiency on the China Station.

8. Naval History in Schools.

9. Piracy in the West River delta.

10. Our Local Defences.

Relations with the Head Office continue to be of the most cordial nature, and the warmest thanks of this Branch are due to the able Secretary, Commander W. Cairns Crutchley, R.N.R., for encouragement, unfailing courtesy and attention to all its wants, and much appreciated sympathy for its efforts.

The Committee once more venture to ask for the valued support of the members, and trust that they will approve of what has so far been done. It is hoped all members will do their best to induce their friends to join the Navy League, because the Navy is, and must continue to be, the main and ultimate safeguard of our homes, and our Commerce, and by our Navy, we must stand or fall.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1903.

TUNG LOI LANE COLLAPSE.

Result of the Inquiry.

The Inquiry into the Collapse in Tung Loi Lane, concluded at the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazledorn, Police Magistrate, and the following jury: Messrs Wm. Goldenberg, C. H. Blason, and W. Torrey.

Mr. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown; and Mr. Looker for the architect, Messrs Leigh and Orange, and Messrs. Wm. Goldenberg, C. H. Blason, and W. Torrey.

After the speeches on either side, Mr. Hazledorn explained the law to the jury and put the following questions: (1) What is the cause of death, herein? (2) If the death of the deceased is the result of criminal negligence? (3) If you say 'Yes' it will be necessary for you to answer the following additional question: (4) What person or persons are guilty of such criminal negligence?

The verdict of the jury was that death was due to the fall of the wall of No. 12 but there was no criminal negligence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, January 12, 1903.
Sir, I am directed by my Committee to draw the attention of Members and Associates of this Branch of the Navy League to the results of the inquiry into the collapse of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Arsenal Street, and to express the hope that Members and Associates will take steps for that purpose, having regard to the excellent work which is being done by the Home in providing for our soldiers and sailors a respectable and comfortable place of resort where they will be well cared for.

I am also directed to state that it is the intention of my Committee, at our annual general meeting on Thursday next, to propose a vote of \$100 out of the general funds of this Branch of the Navy League in aid of the above-mentioned deserving institution. Yours, G. C. ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary, Navy League, Hongkong Branch.

ROMANCE OF HONGKONG.

In the Christmas number of *Cassell's Magazine*, there is an illustrated interview by Raymond Blathwayt, entitled 'Mrs Brown-Potter at Home.' Mr Raymond Blathwayt is known in journalistic circles as 'The Prince of Interviewers,' but that he is gifted with a fair share of imagination may be judged by the quotation we give below. Whether he or Mrs Brown-Potter is responsible for the 'facts,' it is not too much to say that the facts are strongly diluted with fiction to make a readable story. We remember Mrs Brown-Potter's visit. If she breakfasted with the Viceroy at Canton, it was with Li Han-chang, 'the hottemless purse' as he was nicknamed, brother of the more famous Viceroy, who died last year. The correspondent to whom we are indebted for *Cassell's* says Mr Blathwayt's article 'will show people what not can be written about Hongkong.' Here is the extract:—

But our hostess has all over the world, and in an inner room, she has transported us, by the magic of her descriptive power, to far-off China, and she is telling us of a day she once spent in Canton, where the old Viceroy Li Han-chang gave a breakfast in her honour in the beautiful pagoda which visitors know so well. A breakfast which she can never forget, and which is tested all her life of manner and all her tact to get through without offending the tender susceptibility of her host, for Chinese etiquette is very rigid, and will not easily forgive or forget the passing of a single dish.

Her description of an egg, black with the grime of a hundred years, a very special delicacy—and the wiles she adopted to escape its consumption, sound as intentions of laughter, for Mrs Potter possesses a soul of humour and a power of expressing that humour which is beyond my pen to depict.

It was on the same tour that, being in Hongkong, and her husband, and she went ahead, and unfortunately, carrying off with him all the cash, and her company being on the eve of returning to England, she was without money to pay them their salaries and their expenses, and she was left with only what she had in her pockets. Suddenly, someone kindly mentioned to her the gambling den of Kowloon.

Now Kowloon is a dismal City of Night that has upon the mainland immediately opposite Hongkong. I know it well, for I once lay in hospital there, and I can never forget that dreary, mystic week. It is a place of intense danger. An Englishman losing his way there would be a certainty to lose his life. The place is known for this; but, notwithstanding, she determined to try her luck at the gambling tables, and so, splendidly costumed, she called a sampan and gently set forth upon an adventure which might well have ended in a tragic death. Arrived at Kowloon, she sought out the nearest gambling hall, and set herself to win her company's salaries. Luck favoured her, and in an hour or two she was with hundreds of sovereigns in her pocket—2400, I think. The fierce Chinese bade her sit down again and give them their revenge. She laughed in their faces, she said come to me, and, having won, she would go. Her pluck, her cool, her courage, her presence of mind, saved her, and once again she crossed the dark waters—in a single dangerous thing to do, for many a man is murdered in those sampans and thrown into the sea, none being the wiser, and arrived in Hongkong, and took straight to the shipping office and took passages for all her company, whom she paid in full.

Such is Mrs Brown-Potter, the well known actress. A brave, noble-hearted woman, utterly fearless, tender-hearted, courageous, generous, and absolutely unaffected. What wonder that all her friends, men and women alike, hold her in high esteem!

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THE SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET IN 1902.

The disastrous result of 1902 closes with an all-round depreciation of nearly Tls. 4,000,000, the principal losses occurring in Docks and Indo-China (says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 3rd inst). The violent fluctuations of our market caused disaster and ruin to many in the summer, although we have now recovered somewhat from the evil effects. The highest point that Farnham Boyd touched in public favour was in the middle of June, when Tls. 263 cash was quoted, but in consequence of a lower dividend being declared than was anticipated, the value slumped until a sale at Tls. 133 was announced—the lowest point recorded. Indo-China for the same reason tumbled during the year from Tls. 105 to Tls. 28, but manipulations of market, instigated by sanguine speculators of an interior dividend, caused the value to rise again, in the autumn, to Tls. 75, but only to fall after disappointment of cherished hopes, equally rapidly in to-day's value, Tls. 62. The ups and downs of Lankait were even more violent, because of its speculative nature. The highest point reached in the Spring shows Tls. 350 (as quoted), but the rapid fall by irregular gradations is markedly shown, and September gives the lowest price recorded, viz., Tls. 220. Since then for various reasons they steadily mounted to Tls. 373, the high water mark for the year, but quickly receded, owing to the difficulty of financing, to to-day's value, Tls. 320. These three stocks are the indicators of our misfortune in having suffered so badly during 1902, whilst the wild speculation induced by the ever-changing quotations caused many to repent at leisure. The suspicion and distrust engendered by failures in the summer acted on sounder stocks and induced unnecessary depreciation in their value. Hongkong and Shanghai Banks receded from \$645, January's value, to \$587 in April and varying fluctuations are recorded until to-day we close firm at \$622. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves also show vagaries in value, coming down from Tls. 360 to Tls. 270, but only to climb steadily up to to-day's quotation Tls. 312. The capitalization of all stocks as tabulated is valued at Tls. 82,600,000, the market value of which is roughly Tls. 165,000,000, and although the percentage of total loss sustained during the year comes to barely 23, its effect was so widespread that we have to characterize this market as becoming speculative tendency.

THE AMERICA CUP RACE.

Sir T. Lipton and 'Shamrock III.'

The Glasgow Correspondent of the *Standard* writes that on the 6th ult., Sir Thomas Lipton, accompanied by Colonel Sharran Crawford and Mr. William Fife, paid a visit of inspection to the yard of Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, Dumbarton, where *Shamrock III.* is being built. On his return to the City, Sir Thomas Lipton expressed his views on his prospects of winning the coveted trophy at this his third attempt. 'You must not think,' he said, 'that my visit to Dumbarton to-day was the outcome of any apprehensions regarding the safety of the new challenger. The yacht was at no time in danger from the fire of Thursday evening; she is carefully protected and watched. The work will not be delayed one hour by the recent accident in the yard, for none of the wrecked machinery was used in the construction of *Shamrock III.*' Asked as to the progress of the builders as made with the yacht, Sir Thomas replied, 'She is getting along nicely. Colonel Sharran Crawford, Mr. Fife, and I were delighted with her appearance. The fire did not touch her at all, and we got an idea of her shape. Candidly, I never saw a more smartly-modelled boat. Her hull is built on beautiful lines, which seem to combine grace and strength. Mr. Fife and I have a very high opinion of the skill of the builders. To our thinking, no establishment in the world could do more for us than the Denny are doing. Mr. Ward and Mr. Jackson, two of the partners of the firm, are devoting all their time to the building of the work on the new boat. Picked men are engaged in her construction, for you must understand that she is as delicately fashioned as a watch. I do not like to rapscall, but I must say that she is completed *Shamrock III.* will be one of the most perfect vessels of her kind ever launched. If money and I can beget success—Sir Thomas Lipton hesitated, and then added reflectively, 'then success will be ours next Fall.'

It was on the same tour that, being in Hongkong, and her husband, and she went ahead, and unfortunately, carrying off with him all the cash, and her company being on the eve of returning to England, she was without money to pay them their salaries and their expenses, and she was left with only what she had in her pockets. Suddenly, someone kindly mentioned to her the gambling den of Kowloon.

Now Kowloon is a dismal City of Night that has upon the mainland immediately opposite Hongkong. I know it well, for I once lay in hospital there, and I can never forget that dreary, mystic week. It is a place of intense danger. An Englishman losing his way there would be a certainty to lose his life. The place is known for this; but, notwithstanding, she determined to try her luck at the gambling tables, and so, splendidly costumed, she called a sampan and gently set forth upon an adventure which might well have ended in a tragic death. Arrived at Kowloon, she sought out the nearest gambling hall, and set herself to win her company's salaries. Luck favoured her, and in an hour or two she was with hundreds of sovereigns in her pocket—2400, I think. The fierce Chinese bade her sit down again and give them their revenge. She laughed in their faces, she said come to me, and, having won, she would go. Her pluck, her cool, her courage, her presence of mind, saved her, and once again she crossed the dark waters—in a single dangerous thing to do, for many a man is murdered in those sampans and thrown into the sea, none being the wiser, and arrived in Hongkong, and took straight to the shipping office and took passages for all her company, whom she paid in full.

Such is Mrs Brown-Potter, the well known actress. A brave, noble-hearted woman, utterly fearless, tender-hearted, courageous, generous, and absolutely unaffected. What wonder that all her friends, men and women alike, hold her in high esteem!

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY cures the cough, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions. It counteracts the tendency of a cold to a result in pneumonia, and is equally good for all cures and cures quickly. For Deslers; WATKINS, Ltd., Gen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG SHARES.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, January 11.
Dear Sir,—In your editorial 'A Retrospect' of the year, published in one of your issues a few days ago, you stated: 'Taking into account, too, the depreciation in the value of shares, it must be admitted, we think, that 1902 must rank as one of the least of our years.' Perhaps a superficial comparison of December, 1902, quotations with December, 1901, would lead one to agree with your statement; but a minute examination would result in the conclusion that the present quotations are not so disappointing to the *bona fide* holder and investor. The enclosed table shows the loss or gain in the value of 54 companies' stock, all of Hongkong, excepting half-a-dozen or so, and the stock of these latter is probably largely held in the Colony, and dealt in on the Hongkong Share Market. On a total paid-up capital of \$58,010,250 the decrease in value is \$7,830,720, a little over 13 per cent. This cannot be described as a very 'lean' year, while, at the same time, it gives little for congratulation. The heavy rise in Bank's value \$3,400,000 alone prevents the depreciation showing some 25 per cent. The average loss on the majority of stocks is small. Indo-China, China Sugar and Docks show large depreciation. Charbonnages and Shell Transport and Trading Co. are not included in the table, as they are not properly China companies; but the loss or gain is shown in a footnote. On the whole, considering the exchange difficulty, the majority of companies have done fairly well, and investors need be under no apprehension as regards the immediate future.—Yours,

AMERICUS.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS.

27th December, 1902, compared with 27th December, 1901.

	Low.	Gain.
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	...	\$3,400,000
Union Bank of China	...	30,000
China Insurance Co.	...	1,150,000
North China Insurance Co.	...	144,000
Yonghe Insurance Co.	...	16,000
Canton Insurance Co.	...	24,000
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.	...	180,000
China Fire Insurance Co.	...	80,000
Hongkong & S. M. S. B. Co.	...	8,000
Indo-China, S. N. Co.	...	2,475,000
China & Manilla S. S. Co.	...	70,000
Douglas S. S. Co.	...	100,000
Star Ferry Co.	...	20,000
China Sugar Refining Co.	...	1,320,000
Luzon Sugar Refining Co.	...	94,500
Punjab Mining Co.	...	157,000
Jebeu Mining & Trading Co.	...	18,200
Raub. Aust. Gold Mining Co.	...	800,000
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.	...	3,900,000
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.	...	180,000
New Amoy Dock Co.	...	72,000
Hongkong Land Investment Co.	...	451,000
Kowloon Land & Building Co.	...	8,000
West Point Building Co.	...	10,000
Hongkong Hotel Co.	...	120,500
Shamrock Hotel Co.	...	200,000
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	...	388,000
Hongkong Cotton S. W. & D. Co.	...	175,000
China Borneo Co.	...	15,500
A. S. Watson & Co.	...	60,000
Hongkong Electric Co.	...	550,000
Hongkong & China Gas Co.	...	30,000
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.	...	225,000
China Knack & Co.	...	68,750
Hongkong High Levels Tramway Co.	...	4,880
Hongkong Steam Water Post Co.	...	6,000
Dairy Farm Co.	...	16,800
Hongkong & China Bakery Co.	...	9,900
Campbell, Moore & Co.	...	14,000
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency	...	1,000
United Asbestos Oriental Agency	...	25,000
United Asbestos Oriental Agency (Founders)	...	75,000
Tobacco Planting Co.	...	150,000
China Provident Loan & Investment Co.	...	311,100
Watkins.
Universal Trading Co.
China Light & Power Co.
Robinson Piano Co.
William Powell Co.
Albion Limited
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co.

54 Companies: Total Capital \$58,010,250. * \$13,405,100. Deduct gain ... \$5,574,380. Loss ... \$7,830,720.

Not included in above table ... Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin ... Shell Transport & Trading Co. ...

Where the Capital is in \$-sig. it has been computed at 12 1/2 to the £.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Admiralty Scheme of Reform.

London, December 25.—An Admiralty memorandum regarding the training of officers and men announces that the Admiralty has decided on changes adapted to the changed conditions of the service, and that the work of the Admiralty is to be re-organized, with a view to creating a body of young officers equally available, on mobilization for war, for all general duties in the fleet and to conducting the fighting of the Navy into a harmonious whole.

Later.—By the Admiralty Memorandum, issued under the new rules, cadets can enter the Navy at sixteen years of age, and thirteen; and be distributed among the different branches of the service, when they reach the age of 20. The Engineers are to have executive titles up to Rear-Admiral. Sixty Lieutenants have been given to Warrent Office. The Admiralty is expected that the new Naval Scheme will beneficially affect recruiting as it opens the way to commission for men of the lower deck and increases the chances of promotion. The engineers are particularly pleased at the scheme which is cordially welcomed by the general public.

British Officers and Their Mounts.

December 25.—An Army Order provides for the issue of officers of chargers as announced on October 28th. Will certain exceptions the officers may use their chargers for non-military purposes on payment of £10 per annum (six payments have been made) for each horse so used. Commanding officers are responsible for the chargers being kept in proper condition. When a charger is unserviceable, a Board of Officers determines whether the owners are guilty of negligence and how far they are pecuniarily liable. Officers are forbidden to ride private chargers on parade unless owned before this order was issued.

The Late Archbishop.

December 27.—The Archbishop of Canterbury was buried in the precincts of the Canterbury Cathedral this afternoon. The ceremony was impressive and simple. There was a notable gathering of Peers, Commoners and Church dignitaries. The King and the Prince of Wales were represented. The Archbishop of York, the Bishops of Winchester, Exeter and Dover officiated. Simultaneous services were held at Exeter and at St. Paul's. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriff, in full State, attended. Lord Lansdowne and other persons attended the service at St. Paul's.

An Ill-Fated Corporation.

No official prosecution is to be instituted in connection with the London and Globe Bank Corporation failure.

The Greatest Blunder in Twenty Years.

Genoa, December 24.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 24th inst., states that the agreement with Company over Venezuela is considered the greatest blunder since the Unionist came into power.

The Royal Scandal.

Dec. 27.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 26th inst., says that the Crown Princess of Saxony is accompanied in her flight by her eldest brother, Archduke Ludwig, who has renounced his number 14,000, an Austrian Imperial family to marry an actress. The Princess's lover is M. Giron, a Belgian. The Crown Princess's own conduct has been notorious. The Princess wished for a divorce, but the family refused to hear of it.

To Teach the Young Idea.

London, December 25.—The Duke of Devonshire states in a letter to Lord Charles Bunsford, that the Board of Education is considering how far it is possible to carry out Lord Bunsford's proposal to make physical and military instruction compulsory in all schools supported by public funds. He thought many of his suggestions can only be dealt with by the Board of Education.

The Labour Question in South Africa.

Several hundred Indians started work in the Kaffrarian Mine in the Orange River Colony to-day. This is the first experiment of its kind, and is exciting much interest in South African mining circles.

Russian Items.

December 26.—The Russian Foreign Minister arrived at Belgrade and is proceeding to Sofia and Vienna. It is generally recognised that the purpose of his tour is to discuss the Macedonian question, and particularly to visit Belgrade and Sofia. He is expected to return to St. Petersburg in the spring.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

THE GREAT ZAMONI will give an Entertainment in the INSTITUTION ROOMS, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 14th JANUARY, 1903, at 9 p.m.

Members and Friends invited. Admission the Dollar. Tickets may be had from the Manager at the Institution or from Members of the Committee.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 27th January, at 12 o'clock in the City Hall. The Public are invited to attend.

B. S. POATE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 19th January to Monday, the 26th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MORRIS & NORTHCOLE, Sec. & Treas.

Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DAWSON, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking on board Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship 'AUSTRALIAN,' Captain HEAL, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 5th February, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a fully-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in state-rooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER 'OBYLON.'

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 19th Jan., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

B. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

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